

Minutes for Northfield's Recreation Board

Monday, January 22, 2007

6:00 p.m.

Northfield Municipal Building

- 1.) Meeting called to order by Sally D. at 6:05 p.m. Attending Lori Bussiere, Dan DiLena, Frank Hall, Linda Hall, Lisa DiLena, Sally Davidson. (Mike Gonneville absent)
- 2.) Approval of Minutes for December 11, 2006, motion made by Linda, 2nd by Frank. No discussion, voted 6-0-0. Verification on minutes from November 20, 2006 for diving board \$1200.00 being added to CIP, confirmed correct amount by Linda.
- 3.) No Public Participation
- 4.) Treasurer's Report by Lori- \$6856.82 in donation fund. Check presented from the *Sons of the American Legion to the Ice Rink Committee* be used for benches at the ice rink. Laurie has copy of operating budget for Rec. Board. Question if the coke from the pool had been returned and if credited to correct account. Uncertain at this point in time of the status of our budget.
- 5.) Secretary's Report by Lisa- Charity's Essay...deadline for notification is here and we are watching the mailbox daily.
- 6.) A) Holiday Deco. Contest by Frank- went over GREAT, a lot of good feed back, participation awards handed out really appreciated. Ideas for next year- must call in for viewing, judges would like some kind of criteria setup, host a business category and private home category.

B) Ice Rink Update by Lisa- looking good as far as ice forming, usage by all ages and types a real plus. Requested the Rec. Board to allow the Ice committee to leave the water and electric bill in Rec. Board name instead of changing it for the 4 months. Okayed by the board. Linda to find out how the Ice Rink Com. is to go about reimbursing the board.

C) Telephone account and Donation Campaign by Linda- telephone required paper work request due to services being moved out of Northfield. Waiting to hear from TDS. Fund Raiser- Larry Garland to help with possible door to door canvassing starting in May. Hope to have some kind of packet similar to one used for the Select board presentation. Linda asked members to start thinking about what to include in packets. Also will check to see if Rec. Board is still on list at funeral home. Trying to get someone from the new Northfield News to cover meetings. Question brought up about still being able to do recreation roundup article.

D) Lifeguard update by Dan- Berlin Red Cross was of no help as to when any classes are being offered or where. Call into regional office (Chrissy) - no response at this time. It is thought that courses were previously offered at Wedgwood and in Hartford, VT. There are currently no known courses being offered other than at Norwich by Shannon. Dan had the opportunity to speak with Shannon and she usually takes care of setting up the advertising for lifeguards and instructors, scheduling course at Norwich pool. Dan spoke with Steve Looke and he has nothing to do with any of it. Question raised about hiring of Pool Manager by Town Manager. The Rec. Board will request*(delete) in writing* to be part of the hiring processes. Another question as to who is paying for the advertising for the water safety course. Linda looked over budget and there does not seem to be any charges for this. There is however charges for the advertising of Pool Manager and lifeguards in local and Central VT newspapers. Lisa to call Don L. in Montpelier about lifeguard training classes.

7.) Chairwoman's Report by Sally-

- A) Job descriptions- put on hold till next meeting. Sally to resend them to Linda and Lisa.
- B) Invitation to next meeting- it was decided upon Nanci Allard to answer some questions and Dave Whaley to speak about Little League. If Dave is unavailable then we will try for a Dynamo rep (Lori McCellan).
- C) Other(s)...Sally informed Dan and Linda that their terms were up come March and would like to request reappointment of positions. Dan and Linda agreed to another 1 year term if appointed. (Secretary input-Can we make them sign something?, They do need to sign something, as pointed out by Sally Davidson)

Community Calendar- Sally has taken on this task completely. Contacted numerous community clubs and organizations. Sally would The Rec. Board to pick a constant meeting date and time. It was decided Upon by the rec. Board to meet the 2nd Monday of @ month at 6:00 in the Municipal Office. If space unavailable we will move to Chouinard's. Question to invite churches to list activities on the calendar (I missed the Decision on this...what else is new...). The goal of the calendar is have it Placed around town and eventually online. Dan suggested contacting Shirley Moore (Mike Popowski's secretary) for assistance with this task, As she is always asking how she can help. Sally to go to Ken then George At Trans-video. Also talking to John Donahue about working with them.

*(it was not Barb. It was Sally who called Barb)Barb

Brayton at Northfield Senior Center asked about

A senior (AARP) driver's safety course. All members thought this was a Good idea. Dan is a former instructor.

A community member asked about bringing ballroom Dancing lessons to NFLD. Dan suggested Marta & Dan Cambra.

Sally brought up an old article from the Northfield News

And a meeting of the Tri-Board that said something about questioning the billing of water from the pool and the trustee's to review this issue. Rec. Board to follow-up if anything has been discussed or done.

Sally also to email Nanci about questions and attending up coming meeting.

8.) Round Table Discussion- Lori questioned if we can request back ground checks on coaching staff for the local youth organizations. It was general thought that we can*not(added)* force them, but can thoroughly encourage this being done.

9.) Next meeting – February 12, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Office.

10.) Adjournment at 7:48 1st by Lisa, 2nd by Lori.

* show where changes made, () try to explain changes